

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
Technical Advisory Committee**

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 1:00 pm**

Meeting was held at Fountain City Hall  
116 S. Main Street  
Fountain, CO 80817

1. **Call to Order**, a quorum was established and meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m.

In attendance were the following designated members of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District Technical Advisory Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Joan Armstrong	Pueblo County Planning and Development
Jeff Bailey	City of Pueblo Stormwater
Tasha Brackin	El Paso County Parks
John Chavez,	Chair-El Paso County, Stormwater
Duane Greenwood	City of Fountain
Jim Heckman	Fountain Sanitation District
Irene Kornelly	Pueblo Citizen/ member Citizen Advisory Group
Greg Langer	Natural Resource Conservation Service
Bud O'Hara	Pueblo Conservancy
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Fred Williams	USAFA

Additional members of Watershed District Board/Committees:

Larry Small                      Executive Director, Watershed Board of Directors

2. **Approve Agenda:** Request by Larry Small to amend agenda, to move Dennis Mulroneý's name to the section listing attendees who are not TAC members (*although Dennis Mulroneý was added back as a TAC member, the action to reappoint occurred after the meeting was called to order and a quorum established*); and to correct item #9: Set date, Time and Location of Next Meeting, which indicated the next meeting to be September 3, when it should have indicated October 1, 2014. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Greg Langer, seconded by Jeff Bailey, approved by unanimous vote.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Irene Kornelly, and seconded by Jeff Bailey, approved by unanimous vote.
4. **Presentations:** Colorado Springs Utilities Post-construction presentation of stream realignment projects. Various projects undertaken by Colorado Springs Utilities were presented.

## 5. Reports

- a. Governing Board - Larry Small presented an update of the proposed budget for the District for 2015 which totals \$9,000. This represents an unfunded need, which is hoped to be funded by the end of the year in 2015. Mr. Small reported about action taken by the Board to officially reappoint Dennis Mulrone to the TAC. He summarized a presentation to the Board by Scott Herman and Del Nemo regarding analysis of mercury and selenium in fish tissue. The next Board meeting will occur on October 24 at which an update on the Creek Week effort will be presented. A discussion item will likely look at how to provide oversight for the District to manage the \$50 million contribution from CSU to the District. The tasks will include identifying projects to be considered for use of the funds, which are expected to reach the District in 2017, assuming the Southern Delivery System becomes operational in 2016. He also pointed out that a second round of FEMA funding for damage resulting from the September 2013 flood event will be forthcoming soon, and represents nearly \$200 million in funding. However, he noted that only 20% of the funds will be available to entities outside of the Lyons region, where much flood damage occurred. The funding will be distributed via competitive bids, and the amount coming to the Pikes Peak region is likely to be enough to fund only one or two projects. Mr. Small noted that the Board will not meet in November of 2014, and will likely hold their annual meeting in January.
- b. Citizens Advisory Group – Irene Kornelly reported the following:
  - The September meeting of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee included a presentation of the Frost Ranch Demonstration Project, and a presentation by Pikes Peak Community Foundation regarding an upcoming birding festival.
  - Ms. Kornelly provided information on upcoming activities of the Group associated with Creek Week, including the fact that over 32 groups are signed up to participating in creek clean up events at over 40 location along Fountain Creek as well as its tributaries. Sign up information for volunteering at Creek Week and other clean up events is available on the District website, and a report on the event’s success is planned for October.
- c. Updates from Members’ Projects and Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention Efforts-

John Chavez provided an update of projects underway by El Paso County, related to Waldo Canyon Flood Prevention, including:

- Funding for post-fire mitigation from FEMA expire on October 18, but the County staff is working with staff from FEMA and from the City of Manitou Springs to transfer the funds to another local project conducted by the City instead of returning the funds to the Federal offices.
- Stabilization projects related to the September 2013 storms and flooding were completed. EWP funds to El Paso County will have been completely expended as of the end of October.

**6. New Business**

- a. Assignment of alternate members - J. Chavez noted the desire to assign Jeff Rice as the alternate member of the TAC for John Chavez, and to assign Jeff Besse as the alternate member for Steve Gardner.

**7. Other Business –**

- a. Drainage Criteria Manual Update. A suggestion was made to ask Rich Muzzy/PPACG to present the findings of the group who is reviewing the DCM as a subset of the TAC. John Chavez noted that there have been discussions about previous review comments being distributed to the TAC, but this idea is now overcome by events including significant changes to the most recent version of the DCM since previously reviewed.

**7. Public Comment –**

- a. Mr. Small stated that he will be making a presentation regarding water rights protections as part of an upcoming watershed conference to be held in La Junta.

**8. Executive Session (If Required) – none required.**

**9. Set Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – November 5, 2014, 1:00 pm, Fountain City Hall.**

**10. Adjournment –** There being no further business, a motion was made by Fred Williams to adjourn, with second provided by Jim Heckman; motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.